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LETTER DATED 7 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JORDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In the light of the present consultations among the members of the Security Council concerning the terrorist massacre at the Ibrahimi Mosque and the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories, and the participation of my country's delegation in the current discussions within the Council in that respect, and based on the commitment of my country, Jordan, which is striving to achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East region and wishes to ensure the success of the peace process begun in Madrid in October 1991, I am transmitting to you a copy of an article entitled "Temple Mount Targeted: Jewish Extremists Plan Action" which was published in the Jerusalem edition of The Jerusalem Post of 17 December 1993. This article clearly and plainly demonstrates the premeditated and declared intentions of the extremist Jewish groups in the occupied Arab territories, particularly Kach, to carry out acts of terrorism and provocation in the vicinity of the Islamic holy places with the aim of aborting the peace process and impeding implementation of the provisions of the relevant agreements.

Publication of this article in the well-known newspaper The Jerusalem Post late last December issued a resounding warning to the Israeli Government, which allegedly wishes to ensure the success of the peace process, to take precautions to foil the settlers' racist crime against Muslims in the holy Ibrahimi Mosque. The failure of the Israeli Government in that respect is proof of its shared responsibility for the massacre which took place on 25 February 1994, i.e. 69 days after the leaders of Kach, the racist settler movement, had declared their dark and criminal intentions to kill Palestinians in order to thwart the peace process.

The Security Council's examination of the contents of this article should have a positive influence on your deliberations, which we hope will culminate in the adoption of an appropriate resolution to ensure the protection of the Palestinian people and the Islamic and Christian holy places under occupation control until a just, lasting and comprehensive peaceful settlement is reached on the basis of international legitimacy and the resolutions of the Security Council in the context of the current peace process.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of Council members and have it circulated, together with its annex, as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Adnan S. ABU ODEH
Permanent Representative

Annex

Jerusalem Post of 17 December 1993

Temple Mount Targeted:
Jewish Extremists Plan Action

Levy Cohen

Jewish extremist groups who oppose the peace process are planning actions they hope will disrupt government plans to bring about Arab autonomy in Judea and Samaria. Leaders of one of these groups told in Jerusalem this week of plans to bring hundreds of activists to the Temple Mount, where they will physically block off all access to Moslems who attempt to enter. Kach activist Tiran Pollack announced a plan to march thousands of Jews through Arab towns in the territories following an IDF pullback. Pollack hopes that such a provocation will lead to a response from the Palestinian police that will allow Kach "soldiers" to use their arms to defend themselves.

One group of activists, whose activities center on liberating the Temple Mount, told *JP*: "All the settlements in the territories are worthless as long as the Temple Mount remains under foreign control. When you battle a dragon, you have to cut off its head, not its hands or tail. The Arabs know that whoever controls the Temple Mount controls the land. We have over 300 people ready. We will supply them with helmets and bullet-proof vests and we'll stage a sit-in and block off every gate. We're prepared to fight thousands of them as a symbolic act to liberate the Temple Mount."

Kach's Tiran Pollack recounted the incident where three Arabs were killed near Hebron last week and promised that, "it's only a start." Pollack said that his organization is preparing possible courses of action following an IDF pullback from Arab population centers: "We will march thousands of our followers through Arab towns to show that we're not going anywhere. If the Arabs react, and we feel ourselves in danger, then we'll use our weapons in self-defense. Several incidents like this will bring about an explosion in the peace process."

Pollack expressed optimism about the future: "It was just Hanukka. Back then, one family, the Maccabees, fought against millions of Greeks and won. It won't be any easier for Jews today, but we have to trust in God and pray for a miracle."

Baruch Marzel, a Kach colleague of Pollack's added, "We plan to do everything we can to stop the peace process. All of Shimon Peres's fantasies will be washed away by a river of blood."

Another organization active in sabotaging the government's plans for autonomy is *Chai Vekayam* (live and exist). This well-organized group recently came out with a new constitution proclaiming a new Jewish State in any area where the IDF vacates. The organization, which is headed by former Jewish underground leader, Yehuda Etzion, sees itself as an ideological catalyst which can fill the void that the State of Israel has left in its failure as a Jewish state.

Most of these right-wing organizations work in cooperation and in coordination with one another, and many members are active in several forums simultaneously. There exists a genuine fear of police informers today, so spokesmen are reluctant to divulge many details of operations that are currently in the planning stages.

Occasionally, a new organization such as *Sword of David* will pop up and claim responsibility for an action like the killing of the three Arabs near Hebron last week. Settler activists are quick to deny any connection with such incidents but claim "understanding" for the motivations behind them.

Jerusalem Police Spokesman Superintendent Shmulik Ben-Ruby pointed out the difficulty for the police to deal with mere threats. But, he added "the police will work to prevent any disturbance of the public order in Jerusalem by any group."

All these groups are preparing for what they see as the crucial stage in their activities with the introduction of armed Palestinian policemen near their homes. "A Palestinian policeman is nothing but a PLO terrorist with a gun," said one activist. "We are preparing the appropriate response for them." □